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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Case Number: F-2017-16884

Russel Neiss
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Dear Mr. Neiss:

This is the initial agency decision on your November 7, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, 5 U.S.C. § 552, to the Department of State (DOS) for footage, full clips, unedited video, raw video, drafts, unfinished version, source video, source media, B roll, and outtakes of, pertaining to, part of or relating to Ambassador Friedman's visit to Yeshivat Sderot on October 8, 2017. The DOS, Office of Information Programs and Services received your FOIA request on the same date and assigned it the tracking number at the top of this letter. Please include the tracking number in all future communications concerning this FOIA request.

Please be advised the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs conducted a search and located no records responsive to your FOIA request. Additionally, a search of the Central Foreign Policy File (the principle record system of the DOS) was conducted, resulting in retrieval of no records responsive to your request.

For further assistance or to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact our FOIA Requester Service Center or our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAstatus@state.gov or by telephone at (202) 261-8484.

If you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your FOIA request, you may administratively appeal by writing to: Appeals Officer, Appeals Review Panel, Office of Information Programs and Services (IPS), U.S. Department of State, State Annex 2 (SA-2), 515 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100, or faxed to (202) 261-8571. Appeals must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this initial agency decision letter. Please include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

Additionally, if you are not satisfied with DOS's determination in response to your request, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the FOIA Mediation Services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park,

Maryland 20740-6001, email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; facsimile: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Callahan" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric F. Stein, Director
Office of Information Programs and Services